

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

U.S. patent applications 09/609,307 09/609,177 titled "Backplane Synchronization in a Distributed System with Clock Drift and Transport Delay", now U.S. Patent No. 6,654,370; 09/609,497 titled "Queue Resynch: Synchronous Real-Time Upgrade of a Distributed Switching System", now U.S. Patent No. 6,473,433; 09/627,924 titled "Synchronous Dynamic Register Updating Across a Distributed System"; 09/293,563 titled "Very Wide Memory TDM Switching System"; 09/333,450 titled "Data Striping Based Switching System"; and contemporaneously filed U.S. patent application serial number 09/_____ 09/686,539 titled "Parity Exchange" having attorney docket number FORE-81, all of which are incorporated by reference herein.